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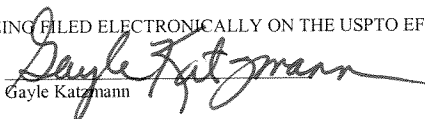
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2007, for which a response is due September 27, 2007. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Summary** begins on page 6 of this paper.